

Appl. No. 10/811,160
Atty. Docket No. 9596
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REMARKS

Claims 2, 8, 10, 15, 17, and 20 have been withdrawn pursuant to the Restriction Requirement dated May 26, 2006. Claims 1, 9, and 16 have been amended to require that the transport element be integral with the apparatus. Support for the current amendment to Claims 1, 9, and 16 is found on page 4, lines 5-16, of the Specification and FIGS. 1-3, as originally filed. No new matter has been presented in amended Claims 1, 9, and 16 by way of the instant amendment. Applicants believe the instant amendments reflect the agreement the Examiner and Applicants' representative during the August 9, 2006 interview. Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 11-14, 16, and 18-19 remain pending in the instant Application and are presented for the Examiner's reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following comments.

Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the personal interview on August 9, 2006. Applicants are pleased to present agreement reached during those discussions by way of the amendment presented herein.

Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121

Applicants are pleased that the Examiner has withdrawn the restriction requirement with regard to Groups II and III of the instant Application. While the restriction requirement, as it pertains to the Claims of Groups I and IV, was made final, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of the subject matter of these claims pursuant to M.P.E.P. §821.04 upon any indication of allowable subject matter.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 11-14, 16, 18, and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and, alternatively, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over McCay, et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,506,575. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the following reasons:

1. By way of amendment herein, Claims 1, 9, and 16 have been amended to require the transport element to be integral with the apparatus.
2. While the Examiner has taken Official Notice that it is well known to employ various transport elements (such as forklifts) to move cores between various stations, the

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McCay reference is silent and, in fact, does not teach a transport element integral with the apparatus.

Due to these considerations, the *McCay* reference fails to teach, disclose, suggest, or describe each and every element of Applicants' claimed invention. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections with respect to Claims 1, 9, and 16, and all claims dependent thereon.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that each of Applicants' remaining claims is in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is requested.

This response is timely filed pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8 and M.P.E.P. §512, and no fee is believed due. However, if any additional charges are due, the Examiner is hereby authorized to deduct such charge from Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company.

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